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SUBJECT: AMERICAN NGO REPRESENTATIVE FORWARDS INCITEMENT  
LETTER TO EMBASSY - 6/22/04

REF: SANAA 1536

Classified By: A/RSO Jonathan M. Cullen, for reasons 1.5 (B), (C) and (D)

1. (S/NF) SUMMARY: On 6/22/04, a U.S. non-governmental organization (NGO) representative forwarded an incitement letter to the RSO, explaining that copies were delivered anonymously to an Islah party leader. The letter calls for supporting Jihad with money and fighting Jews and Christians. The NGO representative assessed that the message was intended for Islah leaders who have condemned terrorism. The Islah leader believes the author may be Iranian. The translated text is provided below. RSO notified appropriate Embassy and host nation officials. END SUMMARY.

2. (SBU) On 6/22/04, the Sanaa-based director of a U.S. NGO, who has resided in Yemen for the last three years, passed the RSO a letter entitled "Iraqis Girls are being raped by the American Soldiers." The letter specifically calls upon "scholars of the nation" to support Jihad by providing money and "fighting our enemies the Jews and the Christians and their supporters."

3. (S/NF) According to the NGO representative, an unidentified, presumably Yemeni individual placed approximately 11 copies under Islah Party Director Mohammed Qahtan's door. The letters were addressed to senior Islah members, including Sheikh Zindani and Sheikh Abdullah Al-Ahmar. (Note: Islah is an Islamic-oriented political party, constituting the main opposition to the leading General People's Congress party.)

4. (SBU) The NGO representative opined that the letter is intended to send a message to influential Islamists in Yemen who, since the bombing of the USS Cole in 10/2000, have published statements condemning acts of terrorism.

5. (S/NF) Qahtan told the NGO representative that he believes the author could be Iranian based on the tone and diction of the Shia-oriented language. Further, the letter is written in high-level Arabic by an educated individual. Finally, one of the addressees has been dead for three years.

6. (U) The letter opens with one verse each from the Quran and the Hadith. In addition, five icon-size photographs depicting Iraqi prisoner abuse in Abu Graib prison are attached to the top of the page.

7. (U) Begin translated text:

In order to clear our conscience, we write this letter to the heirs of the prophets, to the keepers of the land and leaders of the nation, who received the leadership role from the supreme leader prophet Mohammed who at the time of his leadership expelled the Jew of Qaino'qa and took their women, children, money and lands as spoils of war because they exposed a Muslim woman's loin. But where are those who hold the leadership position from the Prophet Mohammed when the honor of Muslim women in Palestine, Kashmir, Afghanistan, Chechnya, Iraq and other places is assaulted.

Don't you see? Aren't you ardent about your religion and your sisters? We ask you to think and don't be like those living who don't recognize it. Wake up; scholars of the nation, without you the nation will never rise. Realize the dimension of the danger and the rapid momentum of events that are going on. Apply the duty assigned to you by Allah to defend the religion and save the nation, by supporting Jihad with money, incitation and fighting our enemies the Jews and the Christians and their supporters.

You should learn that the best Jihad is a righteous and true word to an unjust Sultan (ruler).

People of interests and corruption, what is more of a blight than destroying the foundation of Islam and assaulting our honor. We say to those who mouth isn't able to speak the truth and who are unable to prevent hard descending on their families, leave us alone, we are moving on with the

protection of Allah. End translated text.

18. (SBU) Legatt, Political/Economic and Political-Military offices were notified.

19. (SBU) RSO raised this issue with high-level Ministry of Interior contacts on 6/23/04.

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